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Dear Professor Harling:

Our discussion on the morning of February 21 was both informative and helpful in my consideration of the HEU/LEU conversion issue. Please extend my thanks for your time and attention to Dr. Lincoln Clark as well.

I am mindful of the concerns of research reactor directors regarding the proposed conversion, particularly in light of your unique situation. Your comments on reactor safeguards and on public perception were particularly valuable.

From my former professional experience, and in my current role, I am especially aware of the importance of research reactors to fundamental and applied research, as well as for contributing to the needed pool of technically capable personnel. Your contributions are appreciated.

Sincerely,

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